



EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP: 3763

Docket: 33544/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	Cannula Protecting Cover	Group Art Unit: 3763

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
(UNDER 37 CFR 1.116)

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 28, 2006, for which reconsideration is requested, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.